

Claims:

1. Apparatus for moistening an envelope having a flap and a body, comprising a tank in which a liquid can be stored, means for transporting the liquid from the tank to the flap or to the body of the envelope, and a window in the tank through which the level of the liquid in the tank is visible to a user of the apparatus from the exterior thereof.

2. Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the tank includes a first portion, accommodating at least one wick comprising the liquid transporting means, and a second portion including an opening for use in filling the tank with liquid.

3. Apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the window is in the second portion of the tank.

4. Apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first portion of the tank is generally U-shaped in cross-section and is covered by a plate-like cover including respective openings through which the or each wick protrudes out of the tank.

5. Apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein each wick is replaceable through the respective opening of the cover.

6. Apparatus for moistening and sealing an envelope having a flap and a body, comprising:

- (a) a housing in which means for moistening and means for sealing the flap to the body of the envelope are accommodated in operation;
- (b) the means for moistening the flap or the body of the envelope including a tank in which liquid can be stored, which tank includes a window through which the level of the liquid in the tank is visible to a user of the apparatus from the exterior of the apparatus; and
- (c) means for sealing the flap to the body of the envelope.

7. Apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the tank is movably arranged relative to, and separable from, the housing by the user.

8. Apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein in operation of the apparatus a face of the tank including the window forms part of a face of the housing.

9. Apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein in operation of the apparatus the tank is placed in a watertight channel.

10. Apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein the tank includes a portion which is generally U-shaped in cross-section.

11. Apparatus according to Claim 10 wherein the tank includes a first portion accommodating at least one wick for transporting liquid to the flap or the body of the envelope, and a second portion including an opening for use in filling the tank with liquid.

12. Apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the tank is movably arranged such that the second portion including the opening can be exposed outside of the housing.

13. Apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein the window is part of the second portion.

14. Apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the window is in operation of the apparatus substantially arranged on the same level at which the liquid is surrounding the at least one wick inside the first portion of the tank.

15. Apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the first portion of the tank is generally U-shaped in cross-section and is covered by a plate-like cover including respective openings through which the or each wick protrudes out of the tank.

16. Apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein each wick is replaceable through the respective opening of the cover.